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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about November 1, 1955, they held 2,191 million bushels of wheat for export and carryover, some 6 per cent greater than the 2,058 million available a year ago. Supplies by countries, including on-farm stocks, in millions of bushels (with last year's figures in brackets) were: United States, 1,233.3 (1,215.8); Canada, 768.2 (671.7); Australia, 98.4 (98.8); and Argentina, 91.1 (71.7).

Exports of wheat and flour, in terms of wheat from the four major exporting countries for the months of August to October, 1955, were 167.4 million bushels, 8.4 per cent below the 182.8 million exported in the same period last year. Canadian exports decreased from 73.8 to 59.6 million bushels. Comparable exports from other countries, in millions of bushels were: United States, an increase from 53.8 to 54.4; Argentina, a decrease from 33.7 to 30.2; and Australia, an increase from 21.5 to 23.2.

COARSE GRAINS:

As a result of good crops in 1955, supplies of feed grain in Canada are up about 10 per cent over last year's level. The number of grain-consuming animal units increased 4 per cent between June 1, 1954, and June 1, 1955. However, the supply of grain per animal is estimated at 0.98 tons compared to 0.88 tons last year.

The outlook for the export of oats and barley is fair but, in view of high production in 1955, carry-over stocks are expected to be higher than they were last year.

LIVE STOCK:

Canadian exports of live stock to the United States from January 1 to December 17, (1954 figures in brackets) included: slaughter cattle, 10,882 (34,083); feeder cattle, 5,954 (13,065); dairy and purebred cattle, 38,075 (30,676); calves, 4,536 (3,938); hogs, 7,857 (22,090); and sheep, 8,321 (2,248).

Dressed meat exports to all countries were: beef, 9,154,607 lb., a decrease of 52 per cent from last year; pork, 53,551,825 lb., an increase of 2 per cent; and mutton and lamb 288,516 lb. compared with 52,702 lb. in 1954.

DAIRYING:

In the month of November, 1955, butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 1,375,483 pounds compared to 1,392,056 pounds for November, 1954, a decrease of 1.2 per cent.

POULTRY:

The average number of laying hens in Alberta for November, 1955, was estimated at 3,929,000 compared to 4,018,000 a year ago. Production per hen for the month increased from 11.6 in 1954 to 12.2 in 1955. Total egg production on farms increased from 3,848,000 dozen to 3,946,000 dozen.

FARM DELIVERIES AND INCOME FROM GRAIN IN ALBERTA

BASED ON COUNTRY ELEVATOR RECEIPTS AND PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
Deliveries and Loadings:					- thousands of bushels -					
Month of November	6,991	4,210	1,966	752	2,197	2,661	418	55	268	343
January - November	67,093	77,606	26,142	10,409	33,421	25,970	3,593	1,971	1,679	2,137
					- dollars per bushel -					
Estimated Returns per Bushel for Grain Delivered in November:	1.14[1]	1.12[1]	0.49[1]	0.45[1]	0.73[1]	0.66[1]	0.88[2]	0.70[3]	2.45[2]	2.93[3]
Estimated Total Cash Returns:					- thousands of dollars -					
Month of November	7,970	4,715	963	338	1,604	1,756	368	38	557	1,005
January - November	76,487	86,919	12,809	5,150	24,396	18,597	2,781	1,493	3,901	6,178
Canadian Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:										
Month of November	-	-	-	874[4]	-	2,096[4]	-	-	-	-
January - November	13,778	6,631	1,073	1,631	3,043	4,131	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts from Grain:										
Month of November	7,970	4,715	963	1,212	1,604	3,852	368	38	557	1,005
January - November	90,265	93,550	13,882	6,781	27,439	22,728	2,781	1,493	3,901	6,178

Total Income from Grain including Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:

		1954	1955
Month of November	$	11,462,000	10,822,000
January - November	$	138,268,000	130,730,000

1. Estimated Canadian Wheat Board initial payments and adjustment payments on grain delivered between January 1, and July 31, 1955.
2. Final estimated price per bushel of the 1953 crop.
3. Average weekly Winnipeg cash closing quotations for 3 c.w. rye and 2 c.w. flaxseed respectively for October.
4. Final payments on 1954-55 deliveries.

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	- thousands of dollars -									
Estimated Total Cash Returns:										
Month of November	7,970	4,715	963	338	1,604	1,756	366	38	557	1,005
January - November	76,147	86,019	12,800	5,120	24,320	16,921	2,101	1,493	3,901	6,178
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LIVE STOCK PRICES IN ALBERTA

NOVEMBER, 1955, AND ELEVEN MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1955, AS COMPARED TO CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	GOOD BUTCHER STEERS		GOOD FEEDER STEERS		GOOD BUTCHER LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (without Bonus)	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Month of November:								
Calgary	19.10	18.48	16.56	16.36	16.89	15.86	22.85	19.31
Edmonton	18.56	17.03	14.89	14.69	16.89	16.16	23.26	19.80
Lethbridge	19.11	18.63	16.11	16.47	16.75	15.88	22.87	19.08
January - November:								
Calgary	18.54	18.32	16.11	16.74	19.62	18.17	29.23	22.02
Edmonton	17.90	18.04	14.95	15.77	20.07	18.70	29.81	22.40
Lethbridge	18.36	18.45	15.96	16.69	19.30	17.94	28.98	21.79

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio*

1933-53	1954	Oct. 1954	Oct. 1955	Nov. 1955
21.5	26.2	18.2	18.4	18.3

* Number of bushels of No.1feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lb. of Grade B_1 live hogs at Edmonton prices, plus federal government quality premium.

Live Stock Price Relationships*

	1933-53	1954	Oct. 1954	Oct. 1955	Nov. 1955
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	82.5	108.5	111.6	110.9
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	90.2	89.4	97.7	101.0	105.3
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	91.2	111.1	110.5	105.4

* Prices of 100 lb. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

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	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
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LIVE STOCK MARKETING IN ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN-MONTH PERIOD ENDING N O V E M B E R 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
				- number of head -				
Receipts of Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:								
Month of November	61,050	59,930	26,683	34,824	17,770	15,169	156,030	145,297
January - November	505,220	532,668	120,002	121,685	109,424	131,762	1,269,436	1,521,346
Shipments to Country Points from Yards & Plants:								
Month of November	17,712	18,089	10,435	11,926	3,820	4,049	-	-
January - November	81,637	95,074	20,551	22,529	13,123	11,581	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:								
Month of November	43,338	41,841	16,248	22,898	13,950	11,120	156,030	145,297
January - November	423,583	437,594	99,451	99,156	96,301	120,181	1,269,436	1,521,346
Slaughterings at Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of November	2,721	2,686	1,261	1,096	257	265	2,716	3,597
January - November	25,250	24,460	8,447	8,540	2,023	1,938	23,793	25,147
Total Net Live Stock Marketings:								
Month of November	46,059	44,527	17,509	23,994	14,207	11,385	158,746	148,894
January - November	448,833	462,054	107,898	107,696	98,324	122,119	1,293,229	1,546,493
				- dollars -				
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed:								
Month of November	$ 5,440,000	5,560,000	755,000	1,088,000	209,000	162,000	5,721,000	4,662,000
January - November	$ 61,344,000	65,345,000	5,102,000	5,399,000	1,782,000	2,124,000	61,596,000	54,288,000

Estimated Total Income from the Sale of Live Stock:	1954	1955
Month of November -	$ 12,125,000	11,472,000
January - November -	$ 129,824,000	127,156,000

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FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY PRODUCTS (OCTOBER AND JANUARY-OCTOBER) AND POULTRY PRODUCTS (NOVEMBER AND JANUARY-NOVEMBER) FOR ALBERTA 1954 and 1955

	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	OCTOBER		JANUARY-OCTOBER		OCTOBER		JANUARY-OCTOBER	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
DAIRY PRODUCTS:	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	1,727	1,921	22,320	23,024	1,010	1,158	13,214	13,701
Dairy Butter	5.5	3.6	56	44	3	2	32	25
Milk for Cheese Making	1,694	1,650	25,762	21,362	41	39	609	489
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and for Fluid Cream Sales*	11,402	11,582	118,663	126,806	317	327	3,269	3,466
Milk for Fluid Sales	17,648	18,830	171,224	182,267	824	870	7,906	8,356
TOTAL VALUE					$ 2,195	2,396	25,030	26,037

* Ice cream and fluid cream converted to milk basis.

	NOVEMBER		JANUARY-NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		JANUARY-NOVEMBER	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
POULTRY PRODUCTS:	- dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations*	1,006,000	955,000	14,260,000	14,944,000	358,000	402,000	4,352,000	4,555,000
	- pounds -							
Poultry Marketed through Registered Stations	1,164,000	3,171,000	5,354,000	8,840,000	277,000	954,000	1,351,000	2,472,000
TOTAL VALUE EGGS AND POULTRY					$ 635,000	1,356,000	5,703,000	7,027,000

* In 1953, 56.1 per cent of Alberta eggs and 35.4 per cent of the poultry meat marketed were sold through registered stations.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

Compiled by

ALBERTA BUREAU OF STATISTICS, DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND LABOUR

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING N O V E M B E R 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

			1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	1955 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (November)	1955 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Flour Mills (7 Firms) -	Gross Sales	$.	25,330,282	17,795,403	- 29.7	2,422,553	1,717,899	- 29.1
-	Production	Barrels.	2,686,489	2,663,876	- .8	250,585	274,012	9.3
		Value $.	25,672,904	24,414,153	- 4.9	2,366,014	2,449,091	3.5
Creamery Butter (1) -	Production	Lbs.	28,891,589	29,778,099	3.1	1,671,647	1,687,696	1.0
		Value $.	16,720,215	17,212,266	2.9	1,011,346	987,302	- 2.4
Factory Cheese (1) -	Production	Lbs.	2,460,792	2,042,932	- 17.0	119,071	102,433	- 14.0
		Value $.	824,959	663,954	- 19.5	39,293	33,291	- 15.3
Dairy Factories -	Gross Sales	$.	27,553,590	28,840,826	4.7	2,434,514	2,440,335	.2
Packing Plants -	Gross Sales	$.	110,044,749	116,731,217	6.1	13,342,980	13,174,142	- 1.3
-	Production	Meat Lbs.	286,806,938	325,528,616	13.5	42,346,549	41,133,829	- 2.9
		Value $.	82,577,801	82,266,542	- .4	10,098,587	9,344,244	- 7.5
-	Exports	Meat Lbs.	139,957,142	172,560,187	23.3	19,429,865	20,188,246	3.9
		Value $.	40,268,244	43,692,578	8.5	4,634,023	4,586,769	- 1.0

(1) SOURCE: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING N O V E M B E R 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

			1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	1955 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (November)	1955 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal (1)	Production	Tons	4,329,275	3,814,934	- 11.9	579,293	651,086	12.4
		Value $	23,428,209	20,113,221	- 14.1	3,186,516	3,375,917	5.9
Salt	Production	Tons	28,520	38,051	33.4	3,247	4,383	35.0
Petroleum Products Refined-	Gross Sales	$	115,334,009	133,459,094	15.7	11,221,757	11,747,437	4.7
Propane	Production	Gallons	15,122,011	25,240,345	66.9	1,481,696	2,666,269	79.9
	Sales	Gallons	15,255,435	20,822,163	36.5	1,471,796	2,759,563	87.5
Butane	Production	Gallons	7,005,045	15,713,837	124.3	653,065	1,678,388	157.0
	Sales	Gallons	5,913,033	12,887,422	117.9	686,026	1,554,600	126.6
Sulphur	Production	Tons	19,765	25,779	30.4	2,449	3,066	25.2
	Sales	Tons	17,177	24,676	43.7	1,298	708	- 45.5
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$	2,589,128	2,847,950	10.0	270,825	256,859	- 5.2
Cement & Cement Products -	Gross Sales	$	15,315,473	15,307,253	- .1	1,656,254	1,039,253	- 37.3
Cement	Production	Barrels	2,788,410	2,696,535	- 3.3	263,340	246,060	- 6.6
		Value $	7,095,255	6,716,887	- 5.3	676,784	585,623	- 13.5
Lime	Gross Sales	$	581,160	659,538	13.5	57,066	60,817	6.6
	Production	Tons	19,159	25,283	32.0	1,043	2,691	158.0
		Value $	299,524	336,882	12.5	35,325	36,009	1.9

(1) SOURCE: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

OCTOBER AND TEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING O C T O B E R 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

		1954 (Jan. - Oct.)	1955 (Jan. - Oct.)	10 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1954 (October)	1955 (October)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Petroleum	(1) Production-Barrels	71,662,684	91,595,197	27.8	7,862,657	10,767,932	37.0
	Value of Sales $.	188,007,375	222,681,985	18.4	20,128,769	26,210,768	30.2
Natural Gas	(1) Production- M.C.F.	108,907,725	129,683,789	19.1	11,433,029	14,840,481	29.8
Petroleum-Crude (Revised Series)	(2) Imports Barrels	1,394,403	1,611,038	15.5	168,387	165,559	- 1.7
	Exports Barrels	57,604,777	72,691,152	26.2	6,513,114	7,977,851	22.5
Petroleum Products Refined	(2) Production-Barrels	16,283,002	18,223,503	11.9	1,453,599	2,066,338#	42.2
	Imports Barrels	311,048	265,346	-14.7	33,837	17,266	-49.0
	Exports Barrels	3,751,366	4,008,919	6.9	356,895	410,146	14.9
Natural Gasoline & Naphtha	(1) Production-Barrels	545,710	695,806	27.5	65,553	79,562	21.4
	Value of Sales $.	1,605,811*	1,967,463	22.5	184,557	223,034	20.8

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, October, 1955, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.
(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

* Value of naphtha for 1954, not included.

\# Composed of 1,108,013 bbls. gasoline; 440,238 bbls. diesel fuel; 16,559 bbls. kerosene; 501,528 bbls. other fuel.

GENERAL STATISTICS - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	1955 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (November)	1955 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Forestry (Crown Lands) - Production Lumber-ft.b.m.	315,000,000	370,000,000	17.5	11,400,000	14,000,000	22.8
Value $.	12,600,000	14,800,000	17.5	456,000	560,000	22.8
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products $.	15,804,000	18,540,000	17.3	600,000	728,000	21.3
Fur (Wild Life) - Trapped No. of Pelts	1,066,605	1,663,853	56.0	1,733	3,179	83.4
Value $.	1,041,849	2,044,466	96.2	3,594	4,814	33.9
	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (December)	1955 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Bank Clearings $.	4,584,251,823	5,466,450,045	19.2	488,054,155	493,006,477	1.0

OCTOBER AND TEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Oct.)	1955 (Jan. - Oct.)	10 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (October)	1955 (October)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Bank Debits (1) Value $.	7,428,180,000	7,999,640,000	7.7	762,811,000	860,352,000	12.8
New Motor Vehicles - Gross Sales (2) No.	26,754	31,666	18.4	1,718	2,743	59.7
Value $.	69,125,000	85,052,000	23.0	4,383,000	7,465,000	70.3
Customs' Duty Receipts $.	11,921,373	12,860,057	7.9	1,075,810	1,494,977	39.0
Electric Power - Consumption (3) K.W.Hrs.	1,216,716,000	1,378,077,000	13.3	127,378,000	151,457,000	18.9

(1) Source: Cheques cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 32, No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: New Motor Vehicles Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. XXVII, No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 23, No. 10, 1955, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING N O V E M B E R 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

		1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	1955 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (November)	1955 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BUILDING PERMITS:				%			%
CALGARY	Number	3,881	4,732	21.9	431	251	- 41.8
	Value $.	44,002,484	56,634,798	28.7	4,592,288	3,017,774	- 34.3
EDMONTON	Number	7,528	7,325	- 2.7	421	348	- 17.3
	Value $.	66,433,470	57,858,720	- 12.9	2,602,995	2,507,376	- 3.7
LETHBRIDGE	Number	820	749	- 8.7	62	24	- 61.3
	Value $.	8,829,031	6,168,340	- 30.1	1,070,470	164,125	- 84.7
MEDICINE HAT	Number	460	422	- 8.3	31	12	- 61.3
	Value $.	2,414,049	22,229,610	820.8	195,650	105,250	- 46.2
RED DEER	Number	362	343	- 5.2	50	11	- 78.0
	Value $.	3,301,350	4,089,963	23.9	637,500	32,100	- 95.0
DRUMHELLER	Number	59	54	- 8.5	5	2	- 60.0
	Value $.	311,523	238,448	- 23.5	4,450	450	- 89.9
WETASKIWIN	Number	132	61	- 53.8	6	2	- 66.7
	Value $.	620,430	369,725	- 40.4	4,800	1,600	- 66.7
CAMROSE	Number	154	127*	- 17.5	11	5	- 54.5
	Value $.	1,447,255	1,541,245*	6.5	346,550	33,800	- 90.2
TOTAL (8 CITIES) - - - - - - - - - -	NUMBER	13,396	13,813*	3.1	1,017	655	- 35.6
	VALUE $.	127,359,592	149,130,849*	17.1	9,454,703	5,862,475	- 38.0
Total (169 Towns & Villages) - - -	VALUE $	14,494,855	23,083,276	59.3	919,413	2,288,255	148.9

		1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	1955 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (November)	1955 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)				%			%
RESIDENTIAL	Number	5,162	7,190	39.3	555	781	40.7
	Value $.	53,312,000	70,492,900	32.2	5,822,900	8,441,100	45.0
BUSINESS	Number	728	731	.4	79	87	10.1
	Value $.	79,966,800	62,401,100	- 22.0	9,953,600	11,734,100	17.9
INDUSTRIAL	Number	79	70	- 11.4	8	13	62.5
	Value $.	24,257,800	36,028,800	48.5	1,305,000	10,209,000	682.3
ENGINEERING	Number	267	258	- 3.4	36	17	- 52.8
	Value $.	49,264,400	50,678,700	2.9	1,708,900	9,630,400	463.5
TOTAL - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	NUMBER	6,236	8,249	32.3	678	898	32.4
	VALUE $	206,801,000	219,601,500	6.2	18,790,400	40,014,600	113.0

* Revised.

(1) SOURCE: Building Reporter, December, 1955, Published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954.

	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (December)	1955 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Banff	641,911	679,772	5.9	17,919	14,835	- 17.2
Elk Island	153,632	174,406	13.5	750	900	20.0
Jasper	120,891	154,113	27.5	605	287	- 52.6
Waterton Lakes	219,621	226,078	2.9	-	-	-
TOTAL	1,136,055	1,234,369	8.7	19,274	16,022	- 16.9

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	1955 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (November)	1955 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Aden	347	378	8.9	31	27	- 12.9
Carway	16,568	21,988	32.7	287	380	32.4
Chief Mountain	11,363	12,234	7.7	-	-	-
Coutts	37,156	46,031	23.9	1,934	2,653	37.2
Del Bonita	1,349	1,305	- 3.3	141	104	- 26.2
Wild Horse	752	903	20.1	68	32	- 52.9
TOTAL	67,535	82,839	22.7	2,461	3,196	29.9

(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	1955 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (November)	1955 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
BY TYPES:						
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	71,567,896	88,143,110	23.2	4,846,721	7,507,449	54.9
Boots and Shoes	2,574,100	3,640,719	41.4	209,231	318,664	52.3
Drugs	7,456,004	7,423,048	- .4	394,086	410,567	4.2
Dry Goods	10,299,246	11,191,160	8.7	1,025,583	1,282,024	25.0
Electrical Appliances and Radios	42,133,010	46,605,195	10.6	3,384,923	4,390,258	29.7
Florists	617,446	700,978	13.5	57,516	58,008	.9
Furniture	2,800,061	2,964,889	5.9	291,196	310,422	6.6
Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables)	143,226,841	150,528,006	5.1	13,473,867	13,890,020	3.1
Hardware	64,993,835	67,389,373	3.7	5,682,461	6,000,712	5.6
Lumber and Building Supplies	46,910,350	54,442,286	16.1	3,743,725	4,057,759	8.4
Machinery, Agricultural	31,542,090	33,444,373	6.0	631,022	347,956	-44.9
Machinery, Other	17,206,824	18,444,110	7.2	1,062,499	1,023,999	- 3.6
Paints and Varnishes	7,503,651	8,088,487	7.8	478,739	464,647	- 2.9
Paper	8,065,392	8,461,438	4.9	713,193	786,866	10.3
Tobacco	18,151,870	18,673,022	2.9	1,850,503	1,824,787	- 1.4
Oilfield Supplies	10,038,340	12,899,777	28.5	949,486	1,282,541	35.1
Carbonated Beverages	11,368,448	11,441,798	.6	923,383	735,555	-20.3
Miscellaneous	49,778,894	53,909,409	8.3	3,149,630	3,485,735	10.7
TOTAL	546,234,298	598,391,178	9.5	42,867,764	48,177,969	12.4
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	124,836,266	135,094,145	8.2	9,717,595	10,325,337	6.3
Edmonton	133,766,337	144,852,196	8.3	10,596,426	11,750,765	10.9
Lethbridge	12,532,642	12,610,663	.6	899,092	982,569	9.3
Medicine Hat	1,737,105	1,937,511	11.5	141,549	175,521	24.0
Smaller Centres	8,474,249	9,665,283	14.1	664,589	748,527	12.6
Major Cities - Not distributable by location	264,887,699	294,231,380	11.1	20,848,513	24,195,250	16.1
TOTAL	546,234,298	598,391,178	9.5	42,867,764	48,177,969	12.4

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

OCTOBER AND TEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Oct.)	1955 (Jan. - Oct.)	10 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (October)	1955 (October)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE	755,857,000 (a)	804,004,000	6.4	82,114,000 (a)	92,160,000	12.2
Grocery and Combination Stores - - -	112,136,000	114,875,000	2.4	12,998,000	13,014,000	.1
Other Food and Beverage Stores - - -	47,570,000	47,522,000	- .1	5,356,000	5,704,000	6.5
General Stores - - - - - - - - - - -	45,194,000	44,743,000	- 1.0	4,901,000	4,926,000	.5
Department Stores - - - - - - - - -	77,820,000	85,139,000	9.4	9,232,000	10,681,000	15.7
Variety Stores - - - - - - - - - - -	8,807,000	9,810,000	11.4	1,048,000	1,202,000	14.7
Motor Vehicle Dealers - - - - - - -	151,905,000	177,130,000	16.6	13,066,000	18,436,000	41.1
Garage and Filling Stations - - - -	45,667,000	46,850,000	2.6	4,533,000	4,619,000	1.9
Men's Clothing Stores - - - - - - -	10,967,000	11,594,000	5.7	1,338,000	1,450,000	8.4
Family Clothing Stores - - - - - - -	8,537,000	8,734,000	2.3	1,064,000	1,146,000	7.7
Women's Clothing Stores - - - - - -	14,326,000	14,227,000	- .7	1,987,000	1,936,000	- 2.6
Shoe Stores- - - - - - - - - - - - -	4,124,000	4,362,000	5.8	448,000	489,000	9.2
Hardware Stores - - - - - - - - - -	19,827,000	20,556,000	3.7	2,322,000	2,404,000	3.5
Lumber & Building Material Dealers -	42,856,000	44,278,000	3.3	5,570,000	6,536,000	17.3
Furniture, Appliances, Radio Stores-	22,643,000	27,421,000	21.1	4,722,000	5,128,000	8.6
Restaurants - - - - - - - - - - - -	28,483,000	26,354,000	- 7.5	2,754,000	2,525,000	- 8.3
Fuel Dealers - - - - - - - - - - - -	432,000	380,000	- 12.0	36,000	29,000	-19.4
Drug Stores - - - - - - - - - - - -	16,665,000	16,837,000	1.0	1,777,000	1,867,000	5.1
Jewellery Stores - - - - - - - - - -	4,903,000	5,070,000	3.4	512,000	529,000	3.3
Miscellaneous - - - - - - - - - - -	93,006,000	98,122,000	5.5	8,449,000	9,539,000	12.9

(a) Any slight differences between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures.

SOURCE: Retail Trade, Vol. XXVII, No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Alberta Summary for Period Ending 31 October, 1955

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 55, No. 11, November, 1955)

LABOUR requirements in the Prairie region remained unusually strong during October. With the exception of farming, which released a considerable number of workers following the completion of harvesting and land work, most out-door activities maintained high employment levels. Aided by favourable weather, construction and related industries were very active during the month. As a result, many of the workers released from farm work secured temporary employment. By the end of the month, skilled construction workers were still scarce in most parts of the region but surpluses of unskilled workers were becoming fairly widespread. The reduction in employment during October was confined entirely to agriculture; a notable increase occurred in the non-farm sector. Virtually no change occurred in the level of unemployment since the reduction in the number of persons with jobs was offset by the seasonal contraction of the labour force.

The most recent figures on industrial employment in the Prairie region indicate a considerable year-to-year increase. The gain was unevenly distributed within the region, Alberta accounting for almost the entire increase. At September 1, employment in this province was 6 per cent higher than a year earlier, all major industry groups except highway construction recording some increases. Highway construction was at significantly lower levels than a year earlier but the decline was more than offset by the increase in building construction. Manufacturing and oil wells showed considerable employment expansion, approximately 2,200 and 2,400 new jobs respectively being created during the year.

CALGARY (metropolitan). Construction employment continued at a record level during October. Skilled construction workers were still scarce, bricklayers, finishing carpenters, painters and plasterers being in very strong demand. Employment increased slightly in iron and steel manufacturing during the month, following the recall of workers laid off in September. In factory employment was greater than at the same time last year.

EDMONTON (metropolitan). Employment changed very little during October. The reduction in total employment which followed the usual decline in farm work, however, was sufficient to warrant reclassification of the area, although the labour market was still near the shortage category.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, and any other bonuses made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situation at the 31st of October, 1955, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At O C T O B E R, 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954.

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Oct. 1 1954	Oct. 1 1955	Oct. 1 1954	Oct. 1 1955	Oct. 1 1955
			$	$	
Mining	109.9	121.6	76.30	81.01	18,908
Coal	51.6	41.3	62.52	64.15	3,331
Oil	187.2	226.5	79.80	84.18	14,067
Manufacturing	133.1	143.1	61.15	61.89	28,905
Foods and Beverages	125.0	132.8	56.72	56.20	9,763
Meat Products	123.4	127.1	64.81	66.80	4,037
Wood Products	107.0	104.2	47.55	51.65	2,775
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	101.9	112.0	60.48	61.56	1,269
Iron and Steel Products	152.7	158.8	69.06	69.16	2,944
Transportation Equipment	131.1	141.1	64.41	61.98	4,173
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	141.7	155.8	61.84	60.64	2,450
Products of Petroleum and Coal	138.5	169.1	79.11	88.39	1,620
Construction	217.0	219.9	65.04	66.09	24,446
Buildings and Structures (k)	217.1	243.5	68.07	71.15	14,999
Highways, Bridges and Streets	216.8	190.5	61.29	58.06	9,447
Transportation, Storage, Communication	117.8	120.0	63.83	64.45	25,003
Steam Railways	105.4	103.8	66.83	65.99	13,881
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	140.3	149.8	66.00	69.03	3,862
Storage	113.0	111.6	53.19	56.20	2,605
Trade	129.8	139.4	52.59	54.08	27,881
Wholesale	128.6	135.6	57.83	61.02	9,292
Retail	130.4	141.5	49.90	50.61	18,589
Service	139.5	154.0	38.14	38.78	9,033
Hotels and Restaurants	138.8	156.9	36.70	37.39	6,437
Industrial Composite	135.5	142.6	60.70	62.30	143,927

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.
(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.
(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, October, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (Continued)

Employment, and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries

At O C T O B E R 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Oct. 1 1954	Oct. 1 1955	Oct. 1 1954	Oct. 1 1955	Oct. 1 1955
			$	$	
CALGARY:					
Manufacturing	123.1	132.3	63.84	64.52	9,956
Foods and Beverages	114.0	118.9	62.89	65.18	2,984
Transportation Equipment	122.7	131.2	63.47	61.75	2,399
Construction	217.5	221.9	64.95	61.51	4,402
Wholesale Trade	121.5	126.0	57.44	60.51	3,923
Retail Trade	128.8	141.0	51.29	52.88	7,099
Industrial Composite	138.3	146.7	58.75	59.71	35,986
EDMONTON:					
Manufacturing	149.1	157.5	63.68	64.55	11,696
Foods and Beverages	126.6	128.5	60.47	61.65	3,896
Meat Products	129.0	130.9	63.05	64.16	2,680
Construction	206.9	218.5	72.60	68.60	8,700
Wholesale Trade	145.0	158.0	58.57	62.04	4,012
Retail Trade	135.7	148.2	49.50	49.63	8,612
Industrial Composite	155.6	165.3	59.69	59.79	42,056

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, October, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At O C T O B E R 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding date in 1954

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Oct. 1 1954	Oct. 1 1955	Oct. 1 1954 ¢	Oct. 1 1955 ¢	Oct. 1 1954 $	Oct. 1 1955 $	Oct. 1 1955
Coal Mining	33.3	34.7	182.4	183.0	60.74	63.50	2,668
Oil and Natural Gas Production	41.4	43.6	172.0	176.9	71.21	77.13	4,758
Manufacturing	40.3	39.0	146.8	150.6	59.16	58.73	20,669
Foods and Beverages	37.7	36.0	139.6	143.6	52.63	51.70	6,755
Meat Products	38.7	38.4	156.7	162.7	60.64	62.48	2,853
Transportation Equipment	41.6	38.4	153.9	153.7	64.02	59.02	3,393
Buildings and Structures (h)	40.9	39.6	163.6	173.4	66.91	68.67	12,011
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	39.5	41.7	150.5	153.4	59.45	63.97	2,101
Services (j)	39.4	39.2	88.9	88.5	35.03	34.69	5,327

SOURCE: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, October, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; launderies; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At O C T O B E R 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding date in 1954

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Oct. 1 1954	Oct. 1 1955	Oct. 1 1954	Oct. 1 1955	Oct. 1 1954	Oct. 1 1955	Oct. 1 1955
			¢	¢	$	$	
Coal Mining -	33.3	34.7	182.4	183.0	60.74	63.50	2,668
Oil and Natural Gas Production - - - - - - - - - -	41.4	43.6	172.0	176.9	71.21	77.13	4,758
Manufacturing - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	40.3	39.0	146.8	150.6	59.16	58.73	20,669
Foods and Beverages - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	37.7	36.0	139.6	143.6	52.63	51.70	6,755
Meat Products - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	38.7	38.4	156.7	162.7	60.64	62.48	2,853
Transportation Equipment - - - - - - - - - - - - -	41.6	38.4	153.9	153.7	64.02	59.02	3,303
Buildings and Structures (b) - - - - - - - - - - -	40.9	39.6	163.6	173.4	66.91	68.67	12,011
Electric and Motor Transportation (i) - - - - - -	39.5	41.7	150.5	153.4	59.45	63.97	2,101
Services (j) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	39.4	39.2	88.9	88.5	35.03	34.69	5,327

SOURCE: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, October, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(b) Buildings and structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; laundries; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.